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Sassoon, Dalrymple, and Darby were re-elected and the Committee.

On the 27th October Captain Anderson, seconded by Mr. MacLaren, Messrs. A. Coxon and A. P. MacEwan were re-elected auditors.

The CHAIRMAN.—That closes the business of the meeting, gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

A meeting of the members of the Victoria Recreation Club was held in the Gymnasium of that institution on the 27th October, when there was a moderate attendance; Mr. G. Böning was voted to the chair, and he called upon the Hon. Secy., Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart, to state the object of the meeting. Mr. Lockhart said that the meeting had been convened to consider a certain financial matter connected with the further prosecution of the work of the Committee held about a week before, it was decided that a vote should be taken at a general meeting of the Club for an International Cup. Formerly the International Cup had been presented by the Club, but lately there had been some difficulty about it, and it had not been given, so that year a vote of a general meeting of the members was asked for. The amount usually expended for the cup was £100, and it was a challenge cup which had to be won two consecutive years by the same nationality before becoming the absolute property of the winners. The holders of it for one year who were beaten the next had to hand it back to the Club to be raised again. In answer to Mr. Tomlin, the Hon. Secy. also stated that the International Cup was not Regatta had been abandoned, and that the Regatta had been suspended for a time, and that Mr. R. K. Leigh said all the other cups of the Regatta were presented, and the International Cup was formerly presented by steamer companies, but he supposed that in these hard times they had to think twice about such matters. The sum the Club could afford the Club was £100 a year, but it was probably not much less than that, as a cup might cost about £100 or £150 five years before it was finally won. He proposed that the £200 for the International Cup should be voted. Mr. S. Gower seconded the proposition, which was carried with one dissentient. The Hon. Secretary announced that the forthcoming Regatta was fixed for the 18th and 19th December. It had been suggested to him that the International Cup had never produced many entries nor a good race, and it should therefore be a race for seafarers, and it instead there should be a race for seafarers, entered by anyone, rowed by Chinese, and steered by female representatives of the celestial race. It seemed to him a race that was likely to create a certain amount of rivalry and a certain amount of amazement. If, however, members wished to retain the honours, they could probably do so on the programme. Mr. Lockhart said that the Regatta had been suspended for four hours, but Mr. Lockhart thought that would be hardly a safe rate. Mr. Tomlin thought a canoe paddling race would find a good many entries, and give men a chance to compete who could not pull in the fours. There were a number of canoes in the Club. Mr. Lockhart said it had been tried before, but had only produced a very small entry, and a practical walk out, but they could try it up again, and see how many entries they would get. Mr. Lockhart also called attention to the fact that entries for the Chairman's, American, and German Cup races close to day, when strokes and crews will be picked up. There were then about entries enough to fill each, but he wanted to see at least four. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

A meeting of the members of the Victoria Recreation Club was held in the Gymnasium of that institution on the 31st Oct., for the purpose of arranging the entries for the Chairman's, American, and German Cup races into crews. The first business was to ballot for pairs and threes, and then enough entries in each event for the race. The number of strokes was required. Sir Jameson was present, and Mr. Hayler. Of these the first two were selected for the first two events, but Mr. Grace declining to stroke in the German Cup race. Mr. Hayler was elected. These gentlemen drew for pick of crews by ballot, and each picked up three rowsing men to pull behind him, the result being that each crew had seven. These were got together to all appearance, and it was agreed that it would be hard to pick out any at present, as for youths for one of them. The youths then drew for choice of oarsmen, there being two or three more entries than the number required, and those picked were Stopari, G. Grimaldi, G. Caldwall, R. Hopkins, and the fifth man to have his pick of the remaining entries. The boats were then drawn for and picked in the order of keeping the third, fourth, and fifth.

The jury returned a unanimous verdict of "death from misadventure."

THE MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A HOUSEBOY IN HONGKONG.

The interesting circumstances attending the death of a lad, the houseboy of an employee of F. & G. Grimble, Limited, Messrs. F. & G. Grimble, Limited, Messrs. F. & G. Grimble, Limited, and Hayler. Of these the first two were selected for the first two events, but Mr. Grace declining to stroke in the German Cup race. Mr. Hayler was elected. These gentlemen drew for pick of crews by ballot, and each picked up three rowsing men to pull behind him, the result being that each crew had seven. These were got together to all appearance, and it was agreed that it would be hard to pick out any at present, as for youths for one of them. The youths then drew for choice of oarsmen, there being two or three more entries than the number required, and those picked were Stopari, G. Grimaldi, G. Caldwall, R. Hopkins, and the fifth man to have his pick of the remaining entries. The boats were then drawn for and picked in the order of keeping the third, fourth, and fifth.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON BOARD THE STEAMER "GLENFRUIN."

A melancholy accident occurred on board the steamer *Glenfruin* on the afternoon of the 27th Oct. Since the vessel has been lying beached in Escher's Bay the precautions have been taken of having the firearms on board ready every evening in case of an attack during the night. The gunners and naval officers were overhauling the rifles and fixing them to try them, when unfortunately one of the weapons went off accidentally and the bullet struck Mr. H. S. Johnson, the second officer, lodging in his left side. He was immediately conveyed to hospital, where the bullet was extracted, and hope was entertained at first that he might recover, but these were unfortunately not realized as the bullet had passed through his heart, and he died only by chance. The bullet was removed at the Coroner's inquest, and it was found to have passed through the heart of the deceased.

Mr. W. Gregory, British Consul, and Mr. E. Weddhouse, and Messrs. W. Scott, Denshaw, Newcombe, and Q. J. Gurnett, Esq., were present at the inquest, and it was found that the deceased had been shot, and there was no intention of keeping the thing dark.

His Worship summoned as to the jury, pointing out the law bearing upon homicide of all descriptions.

The jury returned a unanimous verdict of "death from misadventure."

THE BRITISH BARQUE "AREOLA" IN A TYPHON.

The British barque *Areola* arrived at Shanghai on the 23rd October with 100 hands from Fuguo Sound. The captain reports having encountered a typhoon on the 18th October, and lost 10 hands from the effects of which he died on the 23rd. The bullet entered the abdomen. The immediate cause of death was shock to the system, caused by the wound. The bullet did not go through, and had to be extracted. The body was that of a healthy man.

Robert Glegg said—*I am chief officer of the British barque "Areola". On the 23rd October, in the evening, we were struck by a strong typhoon. He was suffering from abdominal pain, and he was unable to stand, and he was unable to move, and he was in the habit of sitting on his bed. He was a single man, and had no relatives living except a brother in America. His home in England was Egremont in North Devonshire. On the 27th October, at 6 p.m., we were firing of our guns to drive away the natives, and I heard a report from one of the rifles behind me, and I turned around, and the deceased had been shot. He had dropped his rifle, and I think he was on the starboard side, and he was at an angle behind me, on the starboard side. Just after I had fired, I gave the order to cease firing. We had fired about two rounds, and I heard the deceased say—"I will just have another shot." After that he shot again, and I heard him say—"I am dead, I am shot." 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